

THIS WHOLE DEAL STRUCK THE CLERK AS REAL FUNNY

Warrant Clerk John J. Gardner of the Court of Domestic Relations has ministered to the troubles of thousands of married couples since he became an aid of Judge Uhlir, but none of the misunderstandings were as momentous as one which confronted the clerk yesterday afternoon.

Gardner was dreaming about the opening game at the Sox park in April. He had just framed a fine alibi for absenting himself from duty that day, and could see Reb Russell stepping into the box.

Just as the dandy southpaw was about to pitch the first ball of the 1914 campaign Gardner was disturbed by the appearance of a woman who wanted a warrant for her husband's arrest.

"What's your name?" queried the clerk, mechanically.

"Mary Struck, and I live at 216 E. Ontario street," answered the woman.

"What's the charge?" asked Gardner.

"He struck me," replied the woman, angrily.

"Who struck you?" demanded Gardner, who is used to hearing such complaints, and was still thinking about Russell's first pitch, and hoping it would be a strike.

"John Struck," snapped the woman.

Gardner appeared peeved.

"Sure, John struck you," he said, "but there are a lot of Johns in this city. Who is he?"

"He's Struck," the woman attempted to explain.

"He's Struck," said Gardner. "Well, who struck him? What is this, a free-for-all fight?"

"Nobody struck him. He struck me, Mary Struck," explained the woman.

Patently Gardner repeated the statement aloud. He turned it inside out, walked all around it and tried to get a little light on the tangle.

"See here," he finally exploded, "is this some joke. You say that nobody struck him. John struck you, and Mary struck. Who did Mary strike?"

It was plain that the woman pitied Gardner because he couldn't understand such a simple proposition. She repeated her statement. Still Gardner was puzzled, and the woman finally started on a fresh explanation.

"Pay attention," she demanded. "My husband, John Struck—that's his name—struck me, Mary Struck—that's my name. Can't you understand English?"

A light burst upon Gardner, and he made out a warrant for Mary Struck, against her husband, John Struck, 1645 N. Wood street, charging that he struck her.

It was very simple after an explanation.

Johnny is still wondering whether the batter would have struck that first pitch of Russell's.

JUDGE HOLDS OFF ON LETTING RAILROAD ISSUE BONDS

Because the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad failed to make proper specification as to the use of its proposed \$21,184,000 issue of bonds and certificates, Former Judge Thompson of the Illinois public utilities commission held up permission to the road to issue the bonds. The Illinois law differs from the Wisconsin statute in that it requires complete specification as to the use of funds derived from the issue of additional bonds and certificates.

EVA TANGUAY WANTS EVERS TO TELL OPINION OF MURPHY

Eva Tanguay today was awaiting word from Johnny Evers, deposed manager of the Chicago Cubs, to her invitation to the crack second baseman to appear with her company at a local theater and tell the folks "What I think of Murphy." Miss Tanguay yesterday offered Evers \$1,000 for the first week, but he hesitated. Then she increased the offer.